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Summary

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Captain Jack Harkness (that was the name of the man in the long military coat) had brought her directly to what he called the Hub, some sort of large underground base in Cardiff. She couldn't help but be impressed by the size of it, despite how much it resembled a sewer. The Captain — no, Jack, he'd insisted on her calling him Jack — had been quite nice to her so far, having even given her new clothes to wear instead of the red uniform she'd been forced to wear for all those months.

"I still have to arrange a few things with you, so we're alone for today," he said, leading her to his office.
He sat behind the desk and she sat down in front of it. She looked around the room and the rest of the Hub. It had been a while since she'd seen anything other than the UNIT facility.
"I've gotten you a new flat and a new car, but you'll be free to change them as soon as you want," he continued. "There's only one thing — I know it's not going to be easy for you, but after what you've been involved in, you're going to need a new identity."
She whipped up her head at that. "Really?"
- "It's a bit inconvenient, but you'll be allowed to choose your name, and you can still use your old name in the letters to your mother. I really wish there was a better way, but I don't want anything like this to happen to you again, and—"
- "I don't mind, really. And actually..." she ran her hand through her hair. During her confinement, it had grown to be longer than it had ever been, and she'd found she quite liked it. "I've never really... wanted to be a man, and I was wondering if I could... live as myself, now."

Jack looked at her for a moment, and she was afraid he would refuse, but he only smiled warmly and said: "That won't be a problem."
She smiled too, for the first time in what felt like years.
"So, do you already know what your name is going to be?"
- "I do, actually. My name is..." her smile widened. "Toshiko. Toshiko Sato."

And at that moment, Toshiko felt like things were finally looking up.

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